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SUBJECT: STRANDED PASSENGERS - AMSTERDAM

REF: AMSTERDAM O740

1. JACK ELLIOTT, ELLIOTT INTERNATIONAL, SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH, DISCLAIMS RESPONSIBILITY FOR PASSENGERS OTHER THAN THOSE ALREADY ASSISTED BY HIS REPRESENTATIVE, ALAN TISDALE, WHO ON SCENE AND WITH WHOM ELLIOT IN TOUCH BY PHONE. ELLIOTT STATES HIS TWENTY THREE PASSENGERS DUE DEPART AMSTERDAM FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 28 VIA COMMERCIAL FLIGHT. TISDALE REPORTEDLY HAS PARTICULARS.

2. ELLIOTT CLAIMS HE SPLIT CHARTER WITH CONTINENTAL CLUB HEADED BY MRS. MARGARET MONTAGUE, WHO ACCOMPANYING HER GROUP.

3. PRESTON MOORE, TRANSVIA REPRESENTATIVE, STANFORD, CONN. (PH. 203 359-4800 AND 203-325-1071) ADVISES CHARTER CONTRACT FOR CONTINENTAL CLUB OF CALIFORNIA SIGNED BY FIONA FITZHERBERT WITH AUTHORIZATION MRS. MONTAGUE. ATTEMPTS CONTACT FITZHERBERT UNSUCCESSFUL.

4. MOORE STATED BY PHONE HE BELIEVES TRANSVIA AND DUTCH OFFICIALS SATISFIED THAT PASSENGERS NOT CHARTER WORTHY AS UNCLASSIFIED

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CALIFORNIA AGENT SUPPOSEDLY USED IMPROPER PROCEDURE IN

ARRANGING ONE WAY FLIGHT. HE ALSO STATED TRANSAVIA
FLIGHT SCHEDULED DEPART AMSTERDAM EMPTY FRIDAY, 6:00 A. M.
ENROUTE NEW YORK.

5. DEPARTMENT ASSUMES DUTCH CAB HAS FIRM GROUNDS FOR
REFUSING ALLOW OPERATION OF CHARTER AND THAT THIS
APPLICABLE TO ALL GROUPS CONCERNED AND THAT THERE EXIST
NO PRACTICAL MEANS TO FURNISH EVIDENCE OVERCOME DUTCH
CONTENTION THAT CHARTER WAS NOT WORTHY UNDER THEIR
CHARTER REGULATIONS. KISSINGER

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